

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2007

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, was called to order by Mayor Howorth at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, in the courtroom of City Hall when and where the following were present:

Richard Howorth - Mayor
 Pat Patterson – Alderman Ward I
 E.O. Oliver – Alderman Ward II
 Janice Antonow – Alderman Ward III
 Ulysses Howell – Alderman Ward IV
 Preston Taylor – Alderman Ward V
 Jon Fisher – Alderman Ward VI
 Dr. Bill Baker- Alderman At-Large

Mayo Mallette PLLC – Of Counsel
 Lisa Carwyle – City Clerk
 Tim Akers- Director of Planning
 David Bennett – Director of Public Works
 Randy Russell – Supt of Sanitation
 Lynn Robbins – Supt of Electric Dept
 Al Hope – Personnel Director
 Joey East– Major Oxford Police Dept
 Jerry Johnson- Chief of Oxford Fire Dept
 Randy Barber– Building & Code Enforcement
 Bubba Robinson- Asst Dir of Parks & Rec

AGENDA:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Howell to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The mayor and board send hearty congratulations to our newly crowned Miss Mississippi – Kimberly Morgan of Oxford, who is as far as I know, the first Miss Mississippi to have been an Oxford native. We are happy for her and her parents, Valerie and Elzie Morgan, a former Oxford Police detective, and her family and friends.

We thank all the citizens who have participated in the Historic Preservation Commission's lengthy process of recommending the preservation districts to the Board that are on the agenda this evening. While not everyone in the community is in agreement on the formation of these districts, it is my view that, through numerous comments and the petitions of neighborhood associations throughout the City, Oxford is finally prepared for this. Many volunteers, on this commission and those preceding it, as well as volunteer citizens, have worked hard to get us where we are now. We thank them for their patience and perseverance.

We hope the County will reconsider joining on to the City's resolution to the State legislature concerning DUI and false ID laws, which have nothing to do with the City's two-percent revenue. Since Johnny Morgan has said that "the County gets no money from it," he should perhaps consider returning the \$150,000 of two-percent revenue that the City gave the County for the Courthouse renovation. Our board feels that this resolution is entirely related to public safety in our community – City, University, and County – and that it's a no-brainer to sign on.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 3, 2007. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ACCOUNTS:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve all City accounts including the Electric Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RETIREMENT:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Howell to adopt the following resolution honoring Don Mills for his years of service with the City of Oxford Police Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION:

Mayor Howorth announced that anyone interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Commission or proposed Courthouse Square Historic Preservation Commission should send a resume to Tim Akers.

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to appoint Cody Giles to another term on the Historic Preservation Commission. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mayor Howorth announced there are three Planning Commission members whose term is expiring: Cathy Marshall-Smith, Tim Cantrell and Leon McCullough. Anyone interested in serving should send a letter of interest to his office.

OXFORD PARK COMMISSION:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the county requesting their recommendation for a member of the Oxford Park Commission. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD TOURISM COUNCIL:

Mayor Howorth announced there are three members of the Oxford Tourism Council whose term expires in August 2007.

ANCHORAGE ROAD:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to abandon the curved portion of the Anchorage Road in exchange for the land to be used to straighten the road. Assuming we can legally accomplish the swap of the curved portion for the straitened portion based on the design the engineer has in his office. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ZONING ON UNIVERSITY
AVENUE:

This was the first reading of a proposed ordinance rezoning property from R-B Two Family Residential District to General Business District for property located at 2020 University Avenue. The public hearing will be held at the next board meeting.

ORDINANCE 2007-15:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to adopt Ordinance 2007-15: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR BUILDING HEIGHT IN THE (G-b) GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND THE (PUD) PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI" Said Ordinance is recorded in Book Number 7 of the City of Oxford Code or Ordinances. The vote was as follows:

Voting Aye – Baker, Oliver, Patterson
Howell, Fisher and Taylor

Voting No – Antonow

Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

APPEAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION DENIAL
1013 JEFFERSON AVENUE:

It was moved by Alderman Oliver, seconded by Alderman Fisher to reverse the denial of the Planning Commission of the site plan for property located at 1013 Jefferson Avenue. This appeal was originally heard by the Board of Aldermen on May 15, 2007. The vote was as follows:

Voting Aye: Baker, Oliver, Patterson,
Antonow, Fisher and Taylor

Voting No: Howell

Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

COURTHOUSE SQUARE
HISTORIC DISTRICT:

This was the first reading of the proposed Courthouse Square Historic District. Tim Akers read the proposed ordinance. A public hearing will be held on August 7, 2007 at 6:00 at the Oxford Conference Center.

SOUTH LAMAR
HISTORIC DISTRICT:

This was the first reading of the proposed South Lamar Historic District. Tim Akers read the proposed ordinance. A public hearing will be held on August 7, 2007 at 6:00 at the Oxford Conference Center.

NORTH LAMAR
HISTORIC DISTRICT:

This was the first reading of the proposed North Lamar Historic District. Tim Akers read the proposed ordinance. A public hearing will be held on August 7, 2007 at 6:00 at the Oxford Conference Center.

JEFFERSON MADISON
HISTORIC DISTRICT:

This was the first reading of the proposed Jefferson Madison Historic District. Tim Akers read the proposed ordinance. A public hearing will be held on August 7, 2007 at 6:00 at the Oxford Conference Center.

COURTHOUSE SQUARE
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION:

This was the first reading of the proposed ordinance creating the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission. A public hearing will be held at the next board meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS
MATERIALS AND
SUPPLIES:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the advertisement for bids for Public Works Supplies and Materials. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MAGNOLIA GROVE
SUBDIVISION:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson to approve the preliminary and final plat of Magnolia Grove Subdivision on Anchorage Road, pending the transfer of property for the straightening of the road. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

GREAT FALL
CONDOMINIUMS:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve the water and sewer for Great Fall Condominiums located on Anchorage Road. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

WINDSOR FALL 1A:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the final plat amendment for Windsor Fall 1A. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

WATER DEPOSIT:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the increase in the deposit for water only customers from \$50.00 to \$75.00, and for customers who have water, sewer and sanitation from \$65.00 to \$100.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize Amberlyn Liles to attend the Keep America Beautiful Mid Year Affiliates Forum on August 2, 2007 in Memphis TN at a cost of \$190.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ADVANCED LINEWORKER
TRAINING:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize one lineman to travel to Tupelo, MS for Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training, Phase 2 in an amount of \$520.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ENGINEERING SOFTWARE
TRAINING:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize Brian Hudson to travel to Birmingham, AL for Engineering Software Training on August 20-23, 2007 with a cost of

\$2,526.52. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TRANSFORMERS:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the advertisement for bids for transformers. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

PURCHASE HAND GUN:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize Don Mills to purchase his department issued hand gun in the amount of \$1.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OPC QUARTERLY REPORT:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Fisher to acknowledge the receipt of the OPC Quarterly report. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

COUNTY COLLECTION
OF TAXES:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize Mayor Howorth to request Martha Thornton, Lafayette County Tax Collector and Assessor, to collect city taxes. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

CLERK CERTIFICATION
TRAINING:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize Mary Bishop to attend Clerk Certification in Oxford MS with a cost of \$60.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

AMENDED BUDGET:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to approve the amended budget as follows. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

- STREET OPERATOR I: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the employment of Robert Thomas as a Street Operator I with a salary of \$25,091.33. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- OFFICE ASSISTANT: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the employment of Leslie Philips as an office assistant with the electric department with a salary of \$25,673.19. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- CLERICAL: It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to employ from the existing pool of applicants for a clerical position in the electric department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- GROUNDMAN: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the advertisement for a ground man in the electric department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- OFFICE ASSISTANT: It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the advertisement for a full time office assistant in the Public Works Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the promotion of Darin Roy from lieutenant to captain in the fire department with a salary of \$34,171.02, and Randy Bundren from Firefighter RDO to lieutenant with a salary of \$31,996.50. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- WATER SERVICE COORDINATOR: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the promotion of Leodis Adams to Water Service Coordinator with a salary of \$41,072.55. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to consider executive session for a personnel issue and pending litigation. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to go into executive session. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Oliver to go into regular session. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

SOLID WASTE PAY
ADJUSTMENT:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Patterson to approve the pay adjustment of Jamie Shaw to a flat bed truck driver with a salary of \$25,521.60. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TERMINATION:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the termination of the employee in the Oxford Electric Department based on the recommendation of the Human Resource Director and the department head. . All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

It was moved by Alderman Oliver, seconded by Alderman Howell to adjourn the meeting sine-die. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Richard Howorth, Mayor

Lisa Carwyle, City Clerk